



# The Net

The Monthly Newsletter of  
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
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Dear Friends in Christ,

Our new Vestry came together this past weekend at Roslyn Retreat and Conference Center in Richmond, Virginia. As our

Senior Warden, Stephanie Meadows, indicated, we engaged with robust sessions. The final emphasis on the retreat landed on spiritual leadership and "being disciples." This year our emphasis on Vestry is an intentional formation around discipleship as we study Rowan Williams "Being Disciples." (A quick nod to our seminarian, Anne Alexis Harra who recently held a book study with this resource).

The role of discipleship and spiritual leadership does not remain with the Vestry alone. All of us are called into discipleship. Rowans points out that a disciple "believes" and "does." However, there is a third component of just "being" a disciple. With such an emphasis in our parish on membership and belonging on an ecclesiastical "voting member" level, it is time to turn towards our mutual call to follow Jesus Christ as disciples.

Our Lenten journey is a perfect time to embrace this practice with a new adult formation hour series on discipleship. We will begin this Sunday with the history of the Catechumenate, that is the rite of enrollment for those seeking baptism. We will hold subsequent sessions involving the Prayer Book, Holy Scripture, The Baptismal Covenant, the catechism, ministry of service, fellowship, worship, and more. We encourage you to sign in to the forum hour, especially if you are considering Reaffirmation, Reception, Confirmation, or Baptism.

The Invitation to a Holy Lent states that "this season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism." As we seek deeper discipleship, what if we approach this Lenten season as if we were approaching Baptism for the first time? If you so desire, you may count this series as part of your preparation to be Baptized, Confirmed, Received, or Reaffirmed in the Church. We will have the Bishop administering these sacramental rites on November 22nd.

As we move forward, we look to the model Christ gave us, which is forming disciples together. This means something new in this day and age and I look forward to engaging this process with you.

Faithfully yours,

*Will*

# VESTRY NEWS

## Worship Services

Wednesday @ 9:30 AM  
Saturday @ 6:00 PM  
Sunday @ 8:00 & 10:00 AM

## Formation

Sunday @ 11:30 AM

## Bible Study

Sunday @ 9:00 AM  
Wednesday @ 10:30 AM

## Choir Rehearsal

Thursday @ 7:00 PM (Adult)

## AA Meetings

Tuesday @ 7:00 PM  
Friday @ 8:00 PM

## ESOL

Tuesday @ 9:30 AM

## Office Hours

Monday 9 - 4  
Tuesday 9 - 4  
Wednesday 9 - 4  
Thursday 9 - 4

## Net Submissions

*If you have an article for the Monthly Net, please email it to Emily ([emily@standrews.net](mailto:emily@standrews.net)) no later than the 20th of the month. All submissions are subject to approval.*



SENIOR WARDEN  
**STEPHANIE MEADOWS**  
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Following the St. Andrew's 2026 Annual Meeting, the newly approved Vestry members participated in their first meeting on Monday evening, February 9th. It was during this session that Gail Bouton was approved as the new Junior Warden, Jeff Reba as the new Register, and I was approved as the Senior Warden.

I am humbled by the support for me shown by both parishioners and fellow Vestry members and I look forward to serving the parish in this capacity. I would like to start my term with another round of applause for our retiring Vestry members, Anne Brannam, Paul Foley, Lori Foster, and Laura Sabo. Their commitment to St. Andrew's and their giving of time and energy to make the parish tick was and continues to be extraordinary. Thank you, thank you!

As the 2025 Vestry searched for individuals to run for the vacancies, we heard from several potential candidates that while they were interested, they felt it was a serious obligation that was not the right fit for them at the time. Totally understandable. However, I cannot help but reflect on my previous Stewardship Commission responsibilities to suggest that a Vestry position is an exceptional way to live out one's faith through service, generosity, and a commitment to God's work in the community and the world. Our new Vestry members have embraced this inspirational aspect of giving. I am delighted to welcome Becky Halder, Scott Hellier, Sean Hilber, and Bruce McWilliams. I am also grateful for Gail and Jeff, who both agreed to extend their previous commitments and remain involved with this austere group.

This past weekend we initiated our 2026 Vestry work with our annual retreat to the beautiful Roslyn Conference Center in Richmond. There, we had time for prayerful reflection and held several services in the stunning Bishop's Chapel. Meeting highlights include:

- Introduction to and review of the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Virginia Constitution and Canons through a clever "Escape Room" competition.

- Unlocking the mysteries of St. Andrew's budget (special thanks to Michelle Ramsdell and Dan Humphrey).
- Discussion on how we might strengthen leadership teams, improve accountability in a volunteer-driven organization, and better identify and execute on Vestry priorities.
- Continued discernment on the mission and vision of St. Andrew's and decision making on the important land stewardship issues.
- The setting of personal goals or "spiritual hopes" to improve our own spiritual leadership.
- Sharing of assigned Commission responsibilities (see the 2026 list below).

Our full and intense meeting agenda provided for necessary fellowship closing out both Friday and Saturday evenings.

During the retreat, Father Will emphasized repeatedly that as a Vestry we are leaders of the Christian covenant community. I feel that during this weekend, we all accepted that role and its responsibilities with open arms and will do our absolute best to balance spiritual leadership, fiduciary responsibility, and canonical requirements to lead St. Andrew's into the future. It is sure to be quite a year!

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, comments, or spectacular ideas!

## 2026 Vestry

- Stephanie Meadows - Senior Warden
- Gail Bouton - Junior Warden
- Jeff Reba - Register & Land Stewardship Lead
- Dan Humphrey - Treasurer
- Bruce McWilliams - Assistant Treasurer
- Karen Spencer - Fellowship
- Becky Halder & Pam Hardin - Formation
- Kate Lewis - Outreach
- Sean Hilber - Safety & Security
- Bill Johnson - Stewardship
- Scott Hellier - Welcome
- Carol Robinson - Worship

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Ramadan Prayers

Emily Nein | [emily@standrews.net](mailto:emily@standrews.net)

From **February 17th to March 19th**, our friends from Peace Islamic Center will use the Parish Hall in the evenings for prayers during Ramadan. Setup will usually begin at 7:30ish, and prayers will start around 8:00ish p.m. Please keep this in mind if you need to schedule/attend an evening event, service, or meeting.

## Realm Connect: There's an App for That!

Sarah Akins | [realm@standrews.net](mailto:realm@standrews.net)

Did you know there was a Realm Connect app? It's available for both Apple and Androids and allows you to review volunteer schedules, chats, the directory, and more right from your phone! Search for "Realm Connect" in your phone's app store and log in\* using the credentials you set up for the website.

\*You need to already have a login/password for the app to work. Don't know if you have that? Come see us at the Realm Help Desk—which is available in the Narthex after the Sunday services—or email us at [realm@standrews.net](mailto:realm@standrews.net).

## Purse and Jewelry Sale for Relay for Life

Rebecca Umberger | [teambelieve@standrews.net](mailto:teambelieve@standrews.net)

Our annual Purse & Jewelry Sale at St. Andrew's is almost here! Save the date for **Saturday, March 28th**. This fun and popular event supports the American Cancer Society, and every donation makes a difference.



We are happily accepting gently used purses and jewelry (both costume and fine). Donations may be dropped off in the bin outside the church office labeled Relay for Life. If picking up items from your home is easier for you, we're glad to help. Tax receipts are available.

**Donation deadline is Thursday, March 12th.** Questions? Please reach out to Rebecca Umberger via email or on Realm.

St. Andrew's Relay for Life team (Team Believe) has been walking together for over 15 years to support cancer research and honor those affected by cancer. Our walk will take place on the evening of April 18th at Woodson High School. Interested in joining our team or would like to learn more? Contact Elaine Runkel or Christine Kelly in Realm. We'd love to have you walk with us.

## Prayer List

Tony Durso  
Don Taggart  
Marlene Taggart  
Eve Albanese  
Larry Packard  
Rich Roerig  
D'Arcy  
Ron Mason  
Susan Scott  
Barbara Klix  
Jeff Dutton  
Sarah Lillard  
Laura Sabo  
Mary Richardson  
Cathy Harman  
Kit Thompson  
Lauren Bowdren

Scottie Prior  
Gene Girondo  
Dan Emrick  
Roy Eichhorn  
Donna Daugherty  
Carol Robinson  
Bob Gleason  
Lucila Woodard  
Katie Gould  
Julie Morgan  
Mary Petze  
Debbie  
Brady Dasher  
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Bill Hartig  
Olivia  
Felix  
Eddie Fortune  
Bishop Shannon Johnston  
Bill Armour

Eric  
Kevin Linehan  
James  
Phillipa  
David Humphrey  
Ro & Rob Africano  
Karen Brannam  
Carol Payne  
Donna Fortune  
Pam Mowry  
Paula Masterson  
Dennis Williams  
Tom & Beth C.  
Jane Hoge  
Georgiann McDaniel  
Peggy Nordin  
Marla Cook  
Susan Henderson  
Janet Williams  
Terri Bennett

Rodney Green  
Zayne Pape-White  
Stan Tchorz  
Bronwyn Alleman  
Nora Herrera  
Valerie Stevenson  
Jon Wise  
Chuck DeBellevue  
Mike Columbus  
Ronda Rouse  
Dani Bryan  
JoVanna Tawney  
Howard Moses  
Stewart  
Doug Connell  
Jim Myhre  
Barbara Pelletier  
Mark G.  
Millie Nash  
Alice Jean Stoots

Kristen Hull  
Jack Miller  
Chris Erbe  
John Neal  
Andrew Boucek  
Erin Cartwright  
Annie Hughes  
Jeff Taltavull  
Fidel Gonzalez  
Ron Wiersma  
Bess Yang  
Jaclyn Stern  
Rebekah Guerra Day  
Scott Kelley  
Adam Gregory  
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## Departed

Elizabeth Haas (mother of Tami Shepherd)  
Joan Hahn (mother of Tami Phillips)  
Ron Campbell (friend of Bob Heyer)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## MARCH 1, 2026

### Lenten Soup Suppers

The Rev. Will Packard | [will@standrews.net](mailto:will@standrews.net)

Back by popular demand, we will have our Lent Soup Suppers at **5:00 p.m. on Sundays beginning on March 1st**. We will host "Testimonies of Faith," where parishioners and others will share a story of faith with the congregation. You may bring soups, sides, or just arrive. Many hands are needed and we encourage you to sign up so that we are able to accommodate everyone.



Please sign up here (<http://tiny.cc/soup26>) and indicate if you will attend, bring something, and/or help with set-up and clean-up.

Suppers will be held most Sunday nights in Lent (March 1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th) from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Contact Rebecca Umberger through Realm if you have questions.

## MARCH 7, 2026

### Kids in Today's Society (K.I.T.S.) Workshop

Sean Hilber | [safety@standrews.net](mailto:safety@standrews.net)

The Safety and Security Commission is sponsoring a workshop that will be presented by the Fairfax County Police Department, **Saturday, March 7th**, 10:00-11:00 am in the Parish Hall.

Plan to join us to learn about current trends in social media, narcotics, and mental health concerns impacting teens today. The police will also share practical guidance for talking with your kids and help you find local resources.

## MARCH 10, 2026

### Faith 250 at Congregation Olam Tikvah

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We continue our interfaith discussions with Faith250, studying and discussing our nation's "Scriptures" with at least 13 other communities of faith. The format includes gathering at tables with a smaller group (pre-selected) with whom you will have guided discussion. There is no preparation necessary for our next gathering on March 10th, between 7:00 and 8:30 p.m. at Congregation Olam Tikvah, 3800 Glenbrook Road, Fairfax, VA.



You do need to register for the event (<https://www.olamtikvah.org/event/faith-250-event.html>). **There is a hard deadline of March 9th for registration** and due to security requirements, late registrations are not permitted.

We prepare in these open discussions for the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Nation on July 1st, at Burke Lake Park.

## MARCH 15, 2026

### Refresh Yourself with Choral Evensong

Alan Moser | [alan@standrews.net](mailto:alan@standrews.net)

The fourth Sunday in Lent, observed this year on March 15th, is known by several names, including Laetare ("Rejoice") Sunday, Refreshment Sunday, Mothering Sunday, and Mid-Lent. Maybe you could view it as the "seventh-inning stretch" of the Lenten season. Some view this Sunday as a day to review Lenten sacrifices, to refresh their Lenten journey, and to rejoice in the promise of the Easter joy just three weeks away.

Your choir invites you to join us for Choral Evensong at **5:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 15th** to renew your Lenten prayers, to refresh yourself in your pilgrim journey, and to prepare yourself for the last uphill climb to the Mount of Olives, Golgotha, and an empty tomb. Music for the service will include works by Sir John Stainer, Richard Ayleward, and Sir John Rutter.

Who knows? There might even be some physical refreshments to accompany the spiritual ones on offer. See you there!

## MARCH 19, 2026

### Women’s Fellowship: Coffee Chat

Karen Hilber | [womensfellowship@standrews.net](mailto:womensfellowship@standrews.net)

How lucky are we to have such a great church family here at St Andrew’s? Come to West Springfield Panera on **Thursday, March 19th** at 9:30 a.m. to share a cup-o-Joe and friendly conversation with fellow parishioners. Whether you have been coming to St Andrew’s for years or you feel like a newbie, we’d love to see you there!

## MARCH 29, 2026

### Easter Flowers

Emily Nein | [emily@standrews.net](mailto:emily@standrews.net)



Celebrate your loved ones, past and present, with a donation to the Flower Guild this Easter. The Easter Flower envelopes will be available on the bulletin board next to the Church Office soon. Please fill out your envelope and return it, with your donation (\$25 requested), to Emily’s desk (look for the ducks) in the office by **Sunday, March 29th**. Flowers will be available for pick up after the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, April 12th.

## MARCH 29, 2026

### Palm Sunday

Emily Nein | [emily@standrews.net](mailto:emily@standrews.net)

Join us in the front parking lot on **Sunday, March 29th**, for a 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday service you won’t want to miss! We’re happy to welcome back our special guest, Dandelion (or Daisy) the Donkey! We will start the service outside and have Dandelion lead us in procession into the church (weather permitting). Arrive a little early (9:15 a.m.) to enjoy a fun meet-and-greet with our guest before the service kicks off.

## APRIL 2026

### Holy Week Schedule

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*As of publication, this is our schedule for Holy Week. Service times may be tweaked.*

#### Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 28 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday, March 29 @ 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

#### Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 2 @ 7:00 p.m.

#### Good Friday

Friday, April 3 @ 12:00 & 7:00 p.m.

#### Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 4 @ 9:00 a.m.

#### Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 4 @ 7:45 p.m.

#### Easter

Sunday, April 5 @ 7:30, 9:00, & 11:15 a.m.

## LECTIONARY READINGS

([www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net))

### MARCH 1, 2026

2nd Sunday in Lent  
Genesis 12:1-4a  
Psalm 121  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
John 3:1-17

### MARCH 8, 2026

3rd Sunday in Lent  
Exodus 17:1-7  
Psalm 95  
Romans 5:1-11  
John 4:5-42

### MARCH 15, 2026

4th Sunday in Lent  
1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Psalm 23  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

### MARCH 22, 2026

5th Sunday in Lent  
Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 130  
Romans 8:6-11  
John 11:1-45

### MARCH 29, 2026

Palm Sunday  
Matthew 21:1-11  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
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Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Matthew 26:14- 27:66

# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Benjamin Lillard Michael Tune	2 Caeley Flanagan	3 Edward David	4	5 Charlie Spencer Charlotte Petty	6	7 Brigid Regan
8	9 Carling Ramsdell Jackie Waddell	10 Timothy Brady Ed Colliton Weston Muenzen	11 Debbie Brant	12	13	14 Chris Bidwell Emily Nein
15	16 Dave Peters	17 <b>ST. PATRICK'S DAY</b> 	18 Kate Lewis	19 Debby Braun Barb Hambrick	20 <b>SPRING BEGINS</b> Aurora Hanelly-Haack Greg Masters 	21 Scott Hellier Nathan Parsons-Schwarz
22	23	24	25 Poppy Gregory Kate Seidel	26 Debbie Williams	27	28
29 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Bob Gleason Corinne Lillard 	30	31				

Don't see your name on your birthday? Let us know!  
Contact Emily ([emily@standrews.net](mailto:emily@standrews.net)) and we'll get you added to the list.

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